The History of America's Money

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April 2, 1792

- The United States Congress creates the United States Dollar as the country's standard unit of money. The United States Mint was created by Congress following the passing of the Coinage Act of 1792.

1834

- Coinage Act of 1834

An "Official" exchange rate for silver and gold was established.

March 4th, 1900

- The Gold Standard Act was passed into law mandating that ALL paper money issued by the United States government be backed by that paper money's value by REAL silver and gold that was held in financial

institutions as that this paper money could be, exchanged in demand, for the actual gold and silver money that it represents.

1912

- Privately owned banks created public financial panic among American Citizens as a basis to push for the creation of a privately owned CENTRAL BANK in the United States.

1913

- A secret meeting was held at a private estate owned by the American banking tycoon J.P. Morgan, at Jekyll Island, just off the coast of Georgia. This meeting was very secretive and hidden from government and public knowledge with less than a dozen of mostly American and some foreign financial and industry tycoons to draft a bill to be sent to Congress for the creation of a privately owned central bank in the United States.

December 23rd, 1913

- The secret bill that was drafted by wealthy private businessmen at the meeting that was held on Jekyll Island was passed and signed into law by, then, the newly elected President of the United States, Woodrow Wilson which officially established a privately owned central bank for the United States to be called the “Federal Reserve” and also, it’s counterpart, the creation of a new governmental entity called the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a mean to print American currency and to collect taxes from the American people as a way for the United States Federal Government to “re-pay” loans made to it by the Federal Reserve, to include the immediate debt placed on said money before ever being put into circulation and to also include any current or even, future, inflation or deflation of this printed paper currency.

July 31st, 1914

- The New York Stock Exchange closed and the “gold standard” of American money was temporarily suspended.

1933

- Public loss of confidence in private banks drastically fell and American citizens began making “runs on the banks” demanding that their paper fiat currency be exchanged for the gold this currency was supposed to represent.

1933

- President Roosevelt implemented a series of “Acts of Congress” and presidential “Executive Orders” which suspended the Gold Standard, reviled gold as a universal legal tender, and then BANNED THE PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF GOLD BY United States PUBLIC CITIZENS!
- The United States government then set a standard price of $20.67 per 1 ounce of gold and mandated that all United States citizens sell their food to the United States government for this set price under penalty of imprisonment and fines in excess of $10,000.

- Then, almost immediately after most Americans had been forced to sell their gold to the United States government for the set price of $20.67 per ounce the United States government passed the Gold Reserve Act which now set the price of gold to $35 per ounce.

"All the News That's Fit to Print."

The New York Times.

LATE CITY EDITION

NEW YORK, MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1933. TWO CENTS

ROOSEVELT ORDERS 4-DAY BANK HOLIDAY, PUTS EMBARGO ON GOLD, CALLS CONGRESS

HITLER BLOC WINS A REICH MAJORITY; RULES IN PRUSSIA

Stay-at-Homes Turn Out and Give Government 52% of 39,000,000 Record Vote.

NAZIS ROLL UP 17,300,000

Get 44% of Total Poll and Even Wrest the Control of Bavaria From Catholics.

ELECTION IS PEACEFUL

Hitler Attacked Stalin's Home in Wide Revolt, Tokyo Hears

JAPANESE PUSH ON IN FIERCE FIGHTING; CHINA CLOSES WALL

Jehol Forces Offer Strongest Resistance of Campaign as They Are Compared.

BUT LOSE ANOTHER PASS

Chang's Troops at Kupei Bar Retreat Southward to the Peiping Area.

NANKING ADMITS DEFEAT

Relief Wages Will Be Paid Despite Holiday, Gibson Says

BEWILDERED CITY STILL PAYS IN CASH

BANKS HERE ACT AT ONCE

City Scrip to Be Ready Today or Tomorrow to Replace Currency.

EMERGENCY STEP PRAISED

Financiers Look for Little Interruption in Business Under Federal Program.

'TRUST DEPOSITS' TO AID

Cash Now Can Be Placed in

The President's Bank Proclamation

WASHINGTON, March 6 (by the Associated Press). The text of President Roosevelt's proclamation on the banking situation, issued at the White House at 12 o'clock tonight, was as follows:

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A Proclamation

WHEREAS there have been heavy and unwarranted withdrawals of gold and currency from our banking institutions for the purpose of hoarding; and

WHEREAS conditions and increasingly extensive speculative activity abroad in foreign exchange has resulted in recent drains of gold from our Reserve Banks; and

WHEREAS these conditions have created a national emergency; and

WHEREAS it is in the best interests of all bank depositors that a period of respite be provided with a view to preventing further hoarding of coin, bullion or currency or speculation therein, and permitting the application of appropriate remedies to protect the interests of our people; and

WHEREAS it is provided in Section 5 (b) of the act of October 6, 1917 (40 stat. L. 411) as amended, "That the President may investigate, regulate or prohibit, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, by means of licenses or otherwise,

USE OF SCRIP AUTHORIZED

President Takes Steps Under Sweeping Law of War Time.

PRISON FOR GOLD HOARDER

The Proclamation Provides for Withdrawals From Banks Against New Deposits.

CONGRESS SITS THURSDAY

Day of Conference With the

1956

- A law passed in a Joint Resolution by the 84th Congress (P.L. 84–140) and approved by President Dwight Eisenhower on July 30, 1956, requires that "In God We Trust" appear on American currency.

1963

- The words "PAYABLE TO THE BEARER ON DEMAND" were removed from all newly issued Federal Reserve Notes (worthless, paper, fiat currency).

1965

- The Coinage Act of 1965 removed all silver from quarters and dimes, which were 90% silver prior to the act.

1968

- A two-tier system began. In this system all central-bank transactions in gold were insulated from the free market price. Central banks would trade gold among themselves at $35/ounce (112.53 ¢/g) but would not trade with the private market. The private market could trade at the equilibrium market price and there would be no official intervention. The price immediately jumped to $43/ounce!

1971

- President Richard Nixon unilaterally ordered the cancellation of the direct convertibility of the United States dollar to gold. This act was known as the Nixon Shock and marked the dollar's transition from the gold standard to a fiat currency.

1972

- Gold hits an all time rate of $70 per ounce.

1974

- President Gerald Ford-- unaware that it was a federal felony for a United States citizen to own gold and silver until he saw sound-money advocate Jim Blanchard on TV raising a bar of gold and asking from his wheelchair: "Why can I not own this?"

1977

- President Ford signed proclamation Pub.L. 93-373, which legalized gold and silver ownership by United States citizens and also made it legal to include gold clauses in contracts, effective 1977. Ford failed, however, to reestablish gold and silver as a back up to government fiat or the American dollar.

1982

- **The composition of the cent was changed from copper to zinc with a thin copper coating.**

2019

- Today the dollar is fiat "money", unbacked by any physical asset (like, I don't know, say GOLD!). A holder of a federal reserve note has no right to demand an asset such as gold or silver from the government in exchange for a note.

Thursday, November 14 2019

Gold: $1,468.70
Silver: $17.06
Platinum: $876.40
Palladium: $1,731.00